

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A picture recording apparatus for compression-encoding a moving picture sequence and recording the resultant data to a record medium is disclosed, that comprises an encoding <sup>unit</sup>~~means~~ for compression-encoding an input moving picture sequence, a recording <sup>unit</sup>~~means~~ for recording the compression-encoded data generated by the encoding <sup>unit</sup>~~means~~ to a record medium, and a picture generating <sup>unit</sup>~~means~~ for extracting a plurality of pictures from the input moving picture sequence at irregular intervals and generating reduced pictures with the extracted pictures while the compression-encoded data being recorded to the record medium.